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State/Territory Name: North Carolina

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #:13-012

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Atlanta Regional Office
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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

December 11, 2013

Ms. Sandra Terrell, MS, R.N., Acting Director
Division of Medical Assistance
Department of Health and Human Services
2501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2501

Re: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal 13-012

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment TN 13-012, which was submitted on September 24, 2013. This amendment implements a rate freeze for Dental Services in North Carolina for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 13-012 was approved on December 11, 2013. The effective date of this amendment is August 1, 2013. We are enclosing the HCFA Form 179 and the approved plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Clarence Lewis at 803-898-7647, or Donald Graves at 919-828-2999.

Sincerely,

//s//

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
13-012

2. STATE
NC

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:
TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

**TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
August 1, 2013

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*):

NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate Transmittal for each amendment*)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

42 CFR 440.100

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 2014 \$0.00
b. FFY 2015 \$0.00

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19-B, Supplemental 3, page 1a

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*):

Attachment 4.19-B, Supplemental 3, page 1a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Dental Services Rate Freeze

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Secretary
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME: Aldona Z. Wos, M.D.

14. TITLE: Secretary

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 09-24-13

16. RETURN TO:

Office of the Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-20014

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:
09/24/13

18. DATE APPROVED: 12-11-13

08/01/13

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
//s//

21. TYPED NAME:
Jackie Glaze

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children Health Opns

23. REMARKS:

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Medical Assistance Program
State: North Carolina

Payments for Medical and Remedial Care and Services

Payment for Dental:

FY 2007 - Effective January 1, 2007 inflationary increases were applied to the following program:

Dental providers received an increase of 23.61%,

SFY 2009 – The rates for Dental Services are frozen at the rates in effect on December 31, 2008.

SFY 2010 – The rates for SFY 2010 are frozen as of the rates in effect at July 1, 2009. Effective October 1, 2009, a negative inflationary adjustment of 5.79% as applied to the existing rates. There will be no further annual adjustment.

SFY 2011 – As of July 1, 2010 rates will be frozen.

SFY 2012 – Rates will be frozen at the rate in effect on June 30, 2011. Effective November 1, 2011, existing rates are adjusted by a negative 2.67% to yield a twelve (12) month two percent (2%) reduction in the nine (9) remaining months of this State Fiscal Year. Exception: Reimbursement rates paid for composite fillings for back teeth were reduced by 15% (except for D2391 which was reduced by 5%) and a 10% increase as applied to rates paid for amalgam fillings for back teeth.

SFY 2013 – Effective July 1, 2012, the rates will be adjusted such that they will equal 98% of the rate in effect July 1, 2011. There will be no further annual adjustments this state fiscal year. Exception: The rates are frozen at the November 1, 2011 rates for composite fillings for back teeth and for amalgam fillings for back teeth.

SFY 2014 – Effective August 1, 2013, the rates are frozen as of the rates in effect at June 30, 2013. There will be no further annual rate adjustment.

SFY 2015 – Effective July 1, 2014, the rates are frozen at the rate in effect as of June 30, 2013. There will be no further annual rate adjustment.

Reference: Attachment 4.19-B, Section 10

TN- No. 13-012
Supersedes
TN-No. 11-020

Approval Date: 12-11-13

Eff. Date: 08/1/2013